

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. By this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 43 and 54, cancelled claims 44 and 55. Claims 43, 45-54 and 56-64 remain in the application.

Applicants wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that a combination of claims 43 and 44 or 54 55 including keyed surface formation in the form of teeth extending axially from remaining portions of the engagement surfaces relative to the neck would be allowable over the art of record. In that regard, Applicant has combined original independent claim 43 and dependent claim 44 plus the wording suggested by the Examiner related to the teeth and independent claim 54 and dependent claim 55 plus the wording suggested by the Examiner related to the teeth into amended independent claims 43 and 54. Thus, since the Examiner indicated that such a combination would be allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claims 43 and 54 are allowable and an office action acknowledging same is respectfully requested.

Thus, after entry of the above amendments, it is Applicants' position that the application is now in condition for allowance and an action acknowledging same is respectfully requested.

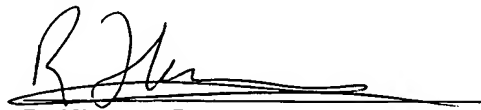
If after reviewing this amendment, should the Examiner have questions or require additional information, he is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney, so this case may receive an early notice of allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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